

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A digital camera, comprising:  
an optical system;  
image processing means for processing an image of an object input  
through said optical system;  
5 a memory storing photograph data resulting from said image  
processing;  
a housing box accommodating said optical system, said image  
processing means and said memory;  
detecting means for detecting disassembly of said housing box; and  
10 control means for performing a prescribed processing in response to  
a result of detection by said detecting means.

2. The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein  
said prescribed processing is erasure of recorded contents of said  
memory.

3. The digital camera according to claim 1, further comprising:  
means for transmitting the photograph data stored in said memory  
to a prescribed photograph data storage device through a network; wherein  
a photographed image stored in the photograph data storage device  
5 can be viewed by accessing the photograph data storage device over the  
network by using access data that is unique to each digital camera; and  
said prescribed processing includes transmission of a prescribed  
signal to said prescribed photograph data storage device to give an alarm  
when said photographed image is viewed.

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through said optical system;  
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